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May it plese your highness. CC

It is a long time since I wr^ote to your highness and as my son has just returned from Madras Iam taking this opp ortunity to get typed this letter which is full of informatd ion for your well being and that of Mysore as awhole.

I must begin at once by saying that your Private Secre tary Mr Campbell has damned you and your state.It is thus which I have gatghered in course of conversation with Englis hmanehmen that have returned from Enland.In the India Offi ce Mr Campbell was asked if it was true that your highness encourages germans and german products inthe stateand he s seems to have said yes and further that all the state offie cers hindus and muhammadansare pro germans .There is not one officerwho is either upright or honest or conscientious in the whole stsate.There is another mischief which mr Cam pbell has done that is my son says that he letting all impr ortant state informationto missionaries as Fuller and Thompson and Editors of anglo-Indian papers,specially the Madras mail.All the scamps of European residents liv- ing inseveral parts of mysore are dead against your adminis trationmerely because they cannot have their own way as before.The impression in the India office in England is that you are very cunning,hypocriticaland thoroughly un- reliable.and cowardly.It appears that in the Commons members were made familiar with the incidents narrated in the Daily Post of I4th July last.and you are keenly

keenly watched by the British Government.There are many peti tions against your administrationand Lord Pentland has wri tten pretty strongly against you and your evillydisposed brotherto members of cabinetespecially to messrs Asquith Chamberlain and lords Curzon and Aberdeenand therefore take care how you proceed in future.

As it is impossible to get firsr trate Englishgentle- men as in times gonebydo not for goodness sake keep any mean minded and mischievous rascals like Campbell immediatelya about you.There is no harm in keeping them in state depa rtments if you really want them.

It is sheer folly when you take the ladies-to in your tours as their morals are a standing disgrace to Mysoreeven now and i do not see why your highnessshould move out so frequentlyoutside Mysore.You must try to ende dear yourself to your peoplewho have now lost respect for you or your family or your brother who Iunderstand is hated by the english in Bangalore and Madras by his criminalas- sociations with certain english ladies.Perhaps the Resident may have hinted this to you.It is common talk in Mysore that Narasimha iyengar who ruined your father has succeededw with your brother with his widows home girls.This is no res pect to your highnesw.Your highness is a weak judge of men Flattery lulls your highness as I now hearand I paid my respects and homagewhen mr Maconochiewas private secyI had formed best hopes of your highness.I am now grieved to hea r and see that you have gone very very low in public estmation all overand it is not too late to mend.

Look at your injustice to MrChandy.Bothmay be wrongbut I hold Chandy was right and was within his rightswhen he appointed the man he knew best.The Revenue Commissioner should not have interfered on so small a matterunless the

there was injustice which any good government must redress Every one knew there was hatred between the two and the b best course would have been to have warned both as Sir Seshadri Iyer did in the case of the late Vijayendra rao Chief secretary to government and aA.Rangasamy Iyengar as Comptroller.He promoted Rangasamy Iyengar a subordinate off icer who had been persecutedto a first class deputy commiss ioners place on I200 and removedmr vijayendra rao from the secretarys place to the excise department without promotion as he had maliciouslyabused his powers.Is there any one one i in your administration who could behave so nobly and justl ly and well?I fear not.Look at your Secretary to govtwho is morally a wretch,corrupt as a judgeand traitor to his state in divulgingstate secrets to Indian and European newspapers to grind his own axes,See how he brought disg grace to Sir Krishnamurtiand you on the eve of the Prince o of wales visit.remember how mr macOnochiegot rid of him from the under secretarys positionas he was dishonest and untrustworthy.

Your highness,donot be led wayby local newspaperpuffs who contribute praisesof your unworthy officersbecause they get paid by the peoplewho are praised and editor of the paper who has his paper filled .Read only leaders. in papers which command influence and criticismsof of your administration.

Your highness knows that you censured Bowringfor arres ting a man who was supposed to have murdered a certain per sonat the instigation of the amildar and the asstCommr.Cur riously enough the man who was supposed to have been

murdered turned a few days after '.'.This gaveBowring a mild censureand Chandy degradation.Is this what you call justice?You Highness dead father Would have committed suici ide if as much as a whisper had been made that he was uni just.Think your Dewan a fool.he knows nothing of administra tion.His titles have not come by merit but by socialfi funct ions of tea parties.

I am very old and I must advise you.Take it or reject t it.Do you duty fearlessly.Be just as l°rd Curzon said.D$_{o}$ no not listen to tales .hear both sides.see things with your own eyes.Reform you rotten office which is a mockery.So many say that all are duffers .if any one is put to talk on c current topis,they grin and fumble.and bungle.keep only ho nestupright and loyal Myscreans about you.Keep a cultured man about you always who will read for you and explain you from times,pall mall gazette,pioneer,madras mail,bombay times etc.how things are moving.What is the good of having s so many secretaries and each on a clerkHave a registrar or a superintendent,whose business is to receive all your pri vate letters from high personages,sort them and write noteso of them in a sort of biographical way,so that when your history comes to be written,these things may be use ful. do not keep your relations about you .they were adanger befoe and may prove so in future.Think deep.Do not trust recommend ations and make selectionsfrom among those you know and have heardbest so that they may look up to you and to no one e else for support.warn him corrct him and-reard--him reward from your pocket to ward off jealousy

UYourMhighness most loyal servant.